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FM AMEMBASSY BANGUI

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SUBJECT: GOCAR CANCELLATION OF SCED TAX BENEFITS

REF: BANGUI 1896

1. IN VIEW OF OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE OF SECURING
GOCAR SUPPORT ON ANGOLA (BANGUI 1922, 0001, 0026, 0027)
AS WELL AS ON MOBIL TEXACO NATIONALIZATIONS ISSUE
(BANGUI 1923), WE CONSIDERED AGENDA TOO CROWDED AT MEETINGS
WITH PRESIDENT BOKASSA ON DECEMBER 30 AND JANUARY 6 TO INCLUDE
ADDITIONAL AND CONSIDERABLY MORE RECENT ISSUE OF SCED
(BANGUI 1896). IT HAS ALSO BEEN OUR JUDGMENT THAT
THIS PROBLEM CAN ONLY BE SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED WITH
THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF AND THAT IT WOULD THEREFORE NOT
BE PRODUCTIVE TO APPROACH APPROPRIATE MINISTER ON THIS
QUESTION.

2. HOWEVER EXPECT HAVE OPPORTUNITY RAISE SCED ISSUE WITH
BOKASSA EITHER DURING OFFICE CALL OR AT SMALL SOCIAL EVENT
TO WHICH PRESIDENT HAS INVITED CHARGE AT PRESIDENTIAL FARM
AT BOBANGUI BETWEEN BOKASSA'S RETURN JANUARY 13 FROM ADDIS OAU
SUMMIT AND HIS DEPARTURE JANUARY 19 ON STATE VISIT TO UGANDA.

ALTHOUGH OBVIOUSLY CAN PROMISE NO MIRACLES WE
DO THINK WITH PROPER APPROACH AND TIMING THAT PRESIDENT
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WILL BE AMENABLE TO RESCINDING DECREE ONCE IT IS MADE

CLEAR TO HIM NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF THIS ACTION ON EXISTING
AND PROSPECTIVE AMERICAN INVESTMENT IN CAR.

3. MET WITH OELBAUM, DIRECTOR OF DDI OPERATIONS IN CAR ON
HIS RETURN FROM LIBREVILLE JANUARY 9 AND BRIEFED HIM ON
SCENARIO. HE AGREED THAT EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH BOKASSA
BEFORE DDI PRESIDENT BERT JOLIS WHO TO VISIT JANUARY 15-25.

4. UNDERSTAND JOLIS CALLED ON AF/C DIRECTOR BUCHANAN JANUARY 9.
HOPE FOREGOING WILL BE USEFUL IN ANY FOLLOW-UP TO THAT CONVERSATION.
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